r*, *iL&L* ana gratuity for the year 1985-86 amounting to Rs. 41 lakhs, Rs 12.6 lakhs and Rs. 49 lakhs respectively. As conciliation in the matter failed, in an order passed on 3-4-1987 the State Government have advised the workmen t_0 approach the authorities concerned under the Payment of Wages Act, the PF and ESI Arts and seek remedy in getting their dues settled, there being no case for referring the $issue_s$ involved for adjudication.

Woman missing for the last one year in Shahdara

1616. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will Minister of HOME AFFAIRS he pleased to state:

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in 'The Times of India' of 24th February, 1987 captioned ' 'Missing for a year now';

(b) if so, what steps the Farsh Har.iir, Shahdara, police station has taken to trace the missing woman;

(c) whether it s a fact that the husband and in-laws of the missing woman have not taken any interest in thi_s matter and police have failed to take any action against them; and

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken to question the husband and in-laws in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHiKI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) i^7es, Sir.

(b) to (d) Immediately on registration of the case *on* 1st March, 1986 -less messages were -flashed to ail Superintendents of $Polic_e$ in I and Station House Officers in Delhi giving the description of the missing woman. Her description was also Jadcast over All India Radio and ever Television.

J The husband and in-laws of the missing $woma_n$ were interrogated and they were put to the lie detector test. A search for her was also conducted at various places. No evidence against her husband or the in-laws has come to light. They are en anticipatory bail n the court.

Harassment of people by Delhi Policemen

1617. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI J. P. GOYAL;

Will the Minister of HOME AF-i ■ be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press r which appeared in 'The Statesman' dated the 12th April, 1987 regarding the harassment, ■ humiliation and un civilised behaviour meted out to the : unsuspecting and law abiding people i returning home late at night by ■ Delhi policemen to extract money;

(b) if so, whether Government have made anv inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) abwe be in the affirmative, what is the outcome thereof-stating the measures taken by Government to ensure that respectable and law abiding citizens are not unduly harassed and humiliated by the Delhi policemen in future besides taking suitable action against the policemen found indulging in I practices?

THE MINISTER: OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND' I THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME. AFFAIR? ! (SHRI P. CHIDAMB - (a) Yes. I Sir.

iry t° detail police personnel at

night for checking of vehicles etc. One Deputy Commissioner of Police is also detailed for night patrolling to supervise the police personnel on d uty. As and when any complaint about harassment/extortion of money is received immediate action thereon is taken. Besides, there is a Vigilance Cell headed b$_v$'^{a} Deputy Commissioner of Police at the Police Headquarters and also an Anti Corruption Branch under the Delhi Administration. Complaints in this regard can be lodged with them.

Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Orissa

1618. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will ttfe Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been violated by diverting forest land to irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the total number of projects involved in such violation; and

(c) w'nat steps Government have $_t$aken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 19S0 has been noticed in one proposal pertaining to an irrigation project in Orissa, namely the Upper Jonk Irrigation Project in Kalahandi district.

(c) The circumstance$_s$ in which this violation has occurred have been explained by the Government of Oriss$_a$ with a request to condonei the violation. The violation was condoned and the proposal was approved on 26.2.1986.

Condition of Ind£?si emploees working in the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi

1619. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased *t*^ state:

(a) whslher his attention has been wn t.-, a.reported ne$_{ws}$ item which appeared in a National Daily on the 6th April, 1987 regarding maltreatment being meted $_0$ut to the Indian employees working in the Japanese Embassy, Chanakaya-puri, New Delhi:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have u>k;n or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 1HB MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS *:ll* EDUARDO FALEIRO): fa) Yes, Sir.

One of the Indian employees of the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi who met with an accident was relieved of his service by the Embassy since he was found unsuitable for the job as he could no longer perform his duties efficiently. The Embassy of Japan gav-s him on* month's notice in September 1986. However, there was some dispute betwee$_n$ the Embassy of Japan and the Indian Employee ever toe amount to be paid to him as gratuity, bonus and provident fund etc. He was allowed to $_s$tay in h^{i}s quarte$_r$ free $_0$f a$_n$y charge till March 1987. There was also some altercation between members of his family and the officials of the Embassy Of Japan when the latter asked him to vacate his quarter on 4.h March, 1987. Th$_e$ Embassy of Jap-m had to summon the police fo$_r$ as.-sistance. It is understood that ffie local police station has not registered any case in this regard.

(c) Government had requested the Embassy to settle this matter amicably und ha$_s$ been informed by the Embassy that this matter has bee$_n$ settled.

Availability of polyster fibre for open sale

1620. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be plensed $_{to}$ state.

(a) whether it ;$_{s\ a}$ fact that a huge quantity of polyester staple fibre which :" parties $_a$gains$_t$ the advance ice is being sold in the market by them: